3. In Rajasthan two fire incidents have occurred during the last two years in Ammunition Depots at 2 Ammunition Sub Depot Bridhwal (24 Field Ammunition Depot, Ganganagar) on 24.5.2001 and at 19 Field Ammunition Depot, Jodhpur on 2nd August, 2002.

4. All cases of fire incidents in Ordnance/Ammunition Depots have been investigated by courts of Inquiry. The following steps/remedial measures have been taken to ensure safety and security of Ammunition/ Ordnance Depots:-

(i) All depots have been directed to update safety and security instructions.

(ii) All depots have been inspected by a Board of Officers to check adequacy of safety and security arrangements.

(iii) Shortages in fire fighting equipment are being made up and defective equipment repaired.

(iv) Unserviceable ammunition is being disposed of on priority.

(v) Additional funds has been allotted for creation of more Explosive Store Houses for shifting ammunition presently stored on plinths under canvas.

Expansion of N.S.S. and N.C.C.

306. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose two-year compulsory military training to younger generation to inculcate patriotism among them;

(b) whether the National Service Scheme and the National Cadet Corps are also being expanded; and

(c) if so, the details of both the porposals?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No. Sir.

(b) and (c) There is no proposal at present for immediate expansion of National Service Schedule (N.S.S.). The sanctioned cadet strength of N.C.C. has, however, been increased from 12 lakh cadets to 12,76,560

cadets in November, 2001 which has been further enhanced to 13 lakh cadets in October, 2002.

Illegal Pakistanis in Rajasthan

307. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the recent reports in media about illegal Pakistan immigrants in border towns of Rajasthan who do not want to return to Pakistan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the actions taken by Government for their return/safe passage to Pakistan; and

(d) what has been the stand taken by the Pakistan Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) to (d) About 4300 Pak national belonging to minority communities who came to Rajasthan during 1965, 1971 wars and thereafter are reported to be residing there illegally. The State Government has been requested to advise them to apply for Indian citizenship. Their applications as and when received through the State Government will be processed as per the provisions of the Citizenship Act. 1955 and the Rules and Orders framed thereunder.

Reservation for economically weaker sections

308. DR. ABRAR AHMED:
SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose setting up of a National Commission to examine reservation for economically weaker sections of the society; and

(b), if so, the details thereof?